



ELECTRONIC

An Canach Anyone?

Leon Hicks, President, CHS

As a method of providing immediate dissemination of the *An Canach*, and also as a cost-cutting measure, we are initiating another new program: electronic delivery of the *An Canach* via email.

If you are interested in this program, please send an email to leonhicks365@gmail.com and use the title of Electronic An Canach in the subject line.

This will facilitate identifying those interested in the program.

We want to encourage as many members as possible to take advantage of this opportunity.

The largest single item in our budget is the production and shipping of the *An Canach* and we are always looking for ways to reduce

this cost, thus enabling more funds for our scholarship programs, donations, etc.

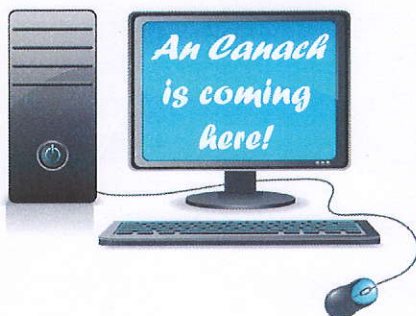
We also understand that many people prefer to hold reading materials in their hands; we will continue to mail hardcopy to

those not signing up for the program.

However, another benefit to members receiving the digital version is that you will receive your full-color copy immediately upon publication.

If you receive an electronic version there will be no restriction on your printing hardcopies.

This is not a one-time deal; you can sign-up for electronic *An Canach* at any time. Please give this effort serious consideration.



OOOPS!

In the last issue of *An Canach*, we had **THREE 2019 AGM DATES**. It turns out, that at one time or another, all were right.

Leon Hicks writes, "The AGM dates of 14 and 15 September, 2019 are correct. The event organizers had to change the dates due to conflicts in scheduling at the venue."

Happy 2019!



Have a crackin' good year!

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The President's Message

Tom Hendricks,

*Clan Henderson Society
former President*

Hello Cousins.

I hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas with family and friends.

Now, in 2019 , the Clan Henderson is starting the New Year with a new President, Leon Hicks, and a new Secretary , Sue Hoffman.

Clan Henderson is in very good hands. Congratulations to both of you.

I am the current Past President. Since this is my last letter as your President , I would like to thank everyone for their support the past four years. I know there will be continued growth in Clan Henderson with our new leadership.

I will continue to be active in Clan Henderson and assist and support Leon the best I can.

In closing, I would especially give my thanks to the Executive Board, I enjoyed working with you the past eight years. And I will remain active. I hope everyone has a prosperous and safe 2019.

I hope your 2019 travel plans include a Scottish festival and that you represent Clan Henderson with pride.

Farewell,

Tom Hendricks

Past President Clan Henderson Society



President's Quarterly

Leon Hicks

*Clan Henderson Society
President*

There are a few key thoughts and comments I want to share with our membership. Honestly, it may be too much for one article, so I will try to be as succinct as possible.

First of all I want to express my appreciation for all the well-wishes from the membership regarding my election to his position. I will be open to any comments or suggestions regarding our society and ways in which we can improve it. I'll say at the outset, we have a lot of programs being initiated, and I ask your forbearance as we move forward. We have several excellent teams working on these programs but I'm sure there will be the occasional gaffs and missteps. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we push forward.

In the previous *An Canach* I discussed the establishment of the Corporate Outreach Committee under the leadership of Louis Russell. I'm pleased to announce that we are making excellent progress on that front.

As always, we will need more of our members to step up to offer support to engage potential donor companies, and to offer suggestions and comments on how to make the program more successful.

The newly initiated archiving effort is also making tremendous progress. Under the leadership of Steve Henderson, Vice President of Operations, many of the documents that were housed in the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, Georgia, have been transported to Santa Barbara, California, where the documents will be digitized using OCR capabilities that will enable us to search historical documents for articles of interest.

Steve is personally transporting these documents

to ensure their safe delivery. He has also graciously donated the resources to support the effort. Once the documents have been digitized they will be available to all members via our new website.

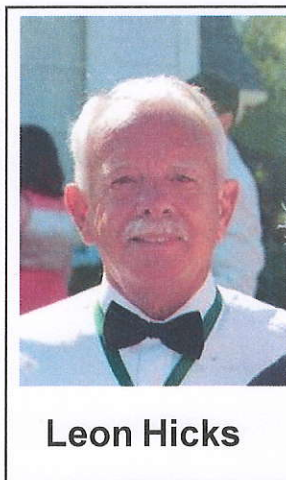
Regarding the newly revamped website, if you have not visited the website recently, I highly encourage you do so. Under the leadership of Charm Russell and Tyler Gilmore, the new website has incorporated new technology to make updating the site easier, and more accommodating to integrating new capabilities. I encourage everyone to visit the website often.

Also incorporated in this issue of the *An Canach* you will see that we have also kicked-off yet another program, the Chaplains Corps. This effort is being led by Kyle Henderson and supported by Fred Sanford the CHS Chaplain. We are looking for persons to support this effort in order to provide Chaplain's services in every CHS region. You do not have to be an ordained minister to provide this service, only to

have a keen interest in doing so.

Lastly, I want to express my great appreciation and admiration for all the Convenors of Clan Henderson Society. You are the yeoman of the society. I never cease to be amazed at the level of effort you put forth to make it all work. Just this past week I had the great pleasure of attending the Central Florida Highland Games, hosted by Judy and Gregg MacKendrick, and it was indeed a great effort. The effort they put into making our CHS presence the best on the field was remarkable. Their efforts, and that of the volunteers in the tent, resulted in several new members being recruited.

Again, to all our convenors, I want to offer our great appreciation on behalf of all the Clan Henderson Society.



Leon Hicks



With thanks to Peggie Sanford for the graphic above and also the New Year greeting on page 1 and the graphic on page 18. Thanks, Peggie!

Requesting Reimbursement?

Leon Hicks, President

As a result of the recent changes in leadership, the person you should contact for reimbursement is Steve Henderson, the new Vice President of Operations.

Please do not send them to me as it will only delay the process.

If you have questions related to reimbursements please contact Steve at stevehende@hotmail.com or phone him at 571-482-7332.

We very much appreciate all of you who support Clan Henderson by offering your services to convene various events. Please don't hesitate to contact members of the leadership team for assistance.

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It is very easy to submit articles for publication in *An Canach*.

Just email your information anytime to: [<bethscribble@aol.com>](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)
Flowers of the Forest, births, weddings, anniversaries, honors, graduations, etc.
or anything related to CHS and interesting things about Scotland.
It's YOUR publication.
The more everyone participates the better it will be.

CHS at the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church



Elton Stilwell sent in the photos of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Bandera, Texas, 25 November 2018. Pictured are: with Elton Stilwell, Mary Ellen Cook, Mel Carmack, Teresa Crawford, James Christie (piper), George Vyera, and friends.

Former genealogist, Horace Loftin's, notebooks to be digitized

Steve Henderson, VP-Ops Call 571-482-7332

VP - Operations, Steve Henderson, completed a road trip from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, to Moultrie, Georgia, and secured 97 large 3-ring binders filled with Henderson information from the Odom Genealogical Library.

After loading the back of his Ford Escape with the binders, Steve proceeded nearly 3,000 miles on US Rte 10 and US Hwy 101 to Santa Barbara, California.

At his son's home in Santa Barbara, the Hendersons offloaded Steve's vehicle and placed the 97 folders on a large shelf unit.

Steve's son, Nels Henderson, will digitize the contents of the folders throughout 2019 and will be paid for this work from a donation that Steve made to Clan Henderson Society to

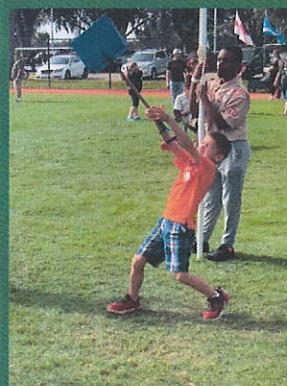


initiate and complete the digitizing process for genealogical files and for copies of *An Canach* (prior to 2004, when these become available).

Nels will be busy as there are at least 15,000 pages of records created by Horace Lofton when he was Clan Henderson Society genealogist.

Leaving everything in Nels' hands after three days, Steve returned home to Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, where he will work on attending at least ten Celtic festivals during the next eight months.

Denessa Hicks sent along photos of "the kids" having a great time at the 2019 Orlando Scottish Games!



On becoming the Town Crier for Franklin, Tennessee

John H. Mather MD FACPE

President UNI-CORN LLC

Earlier this year I was elected to membership in the American Guild of Town Criers, affiliated with the Ancient and Honorable Guild of Town criers in the United Kingdom.

I was issued with a Medallion which it is expected that I wear whenever I am declaiming my "Oyez Oyez" (Hear Ye - Hear Ye) at events associated with the City of Franklin, Tennessee.

I was sponsored by the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County, Tennessee, which, in addition to its role in preserving all that is best of Franklin, organizes events in Downtown Franklin throughout the year.

Of particular note is the "Dickens of a Christmas" held every year the first weekend in December; The Street Festival in the spring and other fun events with vendors, artists and musicians.

In 2017, it was an opportunity for my wife, Dr. Karen Rhea, and me to use the occasion for our Christmas card picture for 2017, which is shown here.

The Town Crier is indeed an ancient position, possibly dating back as far as the heralds in Greece, with 'stentorian' (loud) voices attributed to the Greek warrior Stentor whose voice was as powerful as the voices of 50 men.

Now, for the most part, the Town Crier is ceremonial, although still required by law and tradition in the United Kingdom for court and official announcements such as the birth of a member of the Royal Family.

Town Criers enjoy royal protection and hence the command "Don't shoot the messenger."

In the past attacking a Town Crier was con-

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sidered treasonous, as you were attacking the King's word. In England's early years, after the Normans invaded England, Town Criers were the most important and often the only way of spreading news throughout a township: a 'historical newscaster'.

Throughout Europe, Town Criers in the past declaimed the news as most people could not read newspapers or write. Proclamations, local bylaws, advance warning of market days, adverts were yelled out with an "Oyez Oyez," usually men carrying a handbell to make a loud noise, but some used a gong or a drum to secure attention.

The 'Oyez' means 'Hear Ye' and pay attention and comes from the Anglo-Norman word for "Listen". In certain instances these announcements are recorded in books called a Proclamation Book.

Town Criers are often dressed in elaborate garb which dates from the 18th Century. There is no 'uniform' per se but you will usually find them in red and gold robes, black or white breeches, black or embellished boots or shoes and a tricorn hat.

The tricorn hat has a feather or two which shows that the town crier is literate – can read and write – hence the expression having "a feather in his cap/hat".

I have two different coats and a vest adorned with patches that indicate my own affiliations, including the Knights Templar.

These intrigue children, who often want a picture taken with me, and I am able to describe what each patch means, including some related to my continued support of issues of concern to veterans who have been in military service.

Town Criers were usually men and women, highly respected in their communities as they have

to read and write. Proclamations may be written by the Town Crier, which I do, and were read outside a local inn, then nailed to the door post, hence the derivation of the term "posting a notice," as well as naming newspapers as the post.

Although today we have access to many forms of instant communication there is still a place for the human "face and voice". Town Criers, with a long tradition of hand-me-down handbells, staffs

and medallions, lead parades, launch ships, and for me, as an ambassador of goodwill for the ribbon cutting of the COSTCO's adoption of Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital in its Children's Magical Network (CMN) activity.

In flamboyant garb I am able to draw attention to what is happening and emphasize the importance of the event. Recently, I have opened the *Franklin Spring Fest* and the *Blue Grass on the Harpeth* events with cries for attention and a declaration "the start" of the event.

Town Criers are participating in the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I on November 11th all over the world.

In England, the day will begin at 7 o'clock with 30 minutes of bagpipes. At 7 pm church bells will ring for five minutes followed by Town Criers simultaneously proclaiming an "Oyez Oyez" that notes the 'Great War' ended 100 years ago.

I look forward to joining my compatriot town criers on that day and acknowledging the sacrifices that have been made to secure our freedoms.

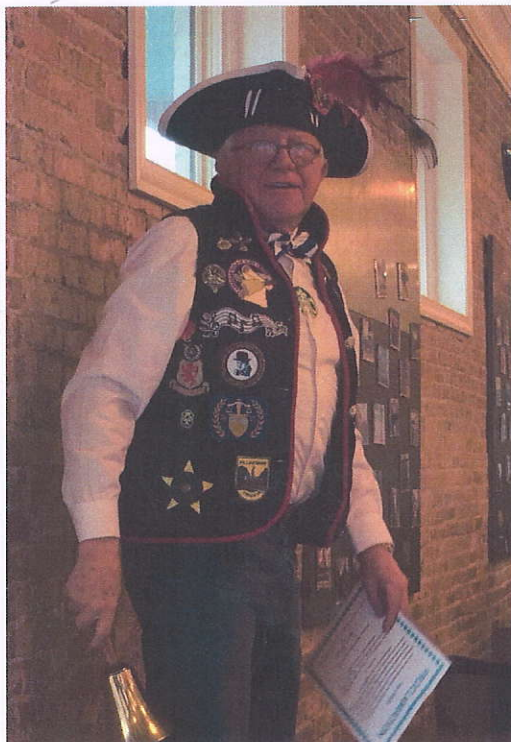
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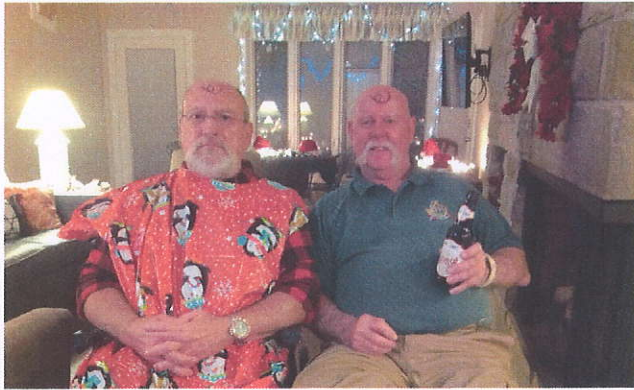
The London Town Crier: www.thevoiceoflondon.org

Ancient and Honorable Guild of Town criers in the United Kingdom www.ahgtc.org.uk/

American Guild of Town Criers, www.american-towncriers.com/



Hogmanay celebrated in a BIG way!



If you look closely at the pair of revelers above, you will notice that they both are sporting the "Charlie Brown" curl. Tom Freeman, on the left, wearing his Christmas bag with penguins and Dave Henderson, on the right, enjoying a cold adult beverage, at the annual Kingdome of Raknar Hogmanay Celebration at Barren River State Park in Lucas, Kentucky (Just outside of Glasgow, KY.).

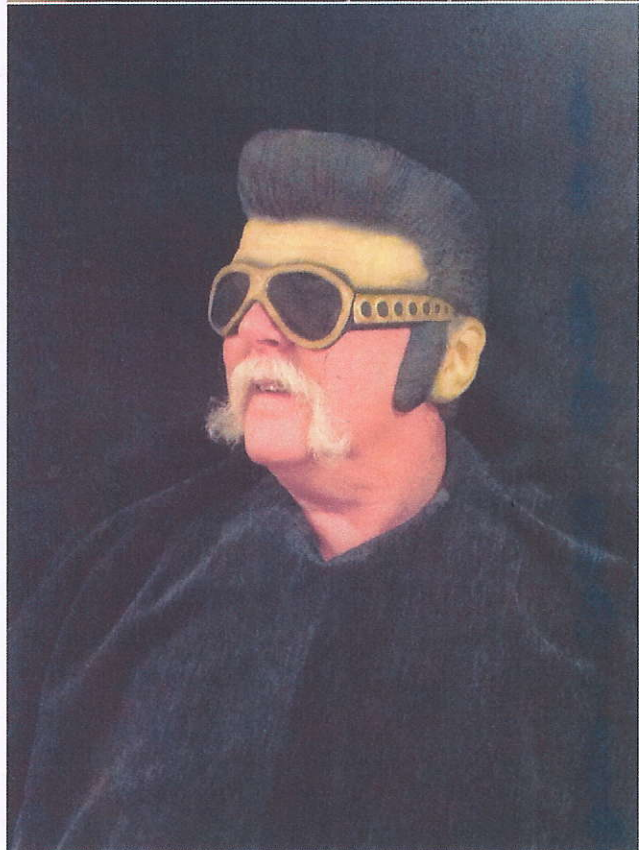
The Kingdome of Raknar has been having Hogmanay celebrations there for many, many, many years. This year, Kari and Dave Henderson shared a cabin with Beth and Tom Freeman for the weekend.

Dave, as the Velvet Elvis, was second place in the Halloween Costume Contest which took place on the first night of the Raknar Festivities. Kari, dressed as the Big Bad Wolf, took the first prize.

The event features much good food, much great laughter and much, much camaraderie.

On the first day of the New Year, the group congregates at the Cairn, located on the games field at the site of the Glasgow Highland Games, to remember all those Raknarians who have passed away.

The Kingdome of Raknar celebrated its 40th anniversary last June.



In the photo at the top of this column, you'll see Kari Henderson in her wolf suit! The photo below is Dave Henderson as "The Velvet Elvis."

Did we mention that "a good time was had by all?"

A dumb thing happened on the way to Denver, Colorado, on the way to the last CHS AGM...The bus stopped on a road near the site of some dinosaur tracks. One of the group said, "I'm really surprised that those dinosaurs came this close to the road." Huh?

153rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, Pleasanton, California, September 1 - 9, 2018



Suzanne Henderson Emerson

In Pleasanton, the Highland Games this year were really grand.
So many fun activities it's tough to keep our tent manned.
Eight hundred played their bagpipes in the sun with the massed pipe bands.
Five stages featured fiddling, folk music groups, and Celtic rock,
Our favorite being the Scottish pipes with tribal beats of *Albannach*.

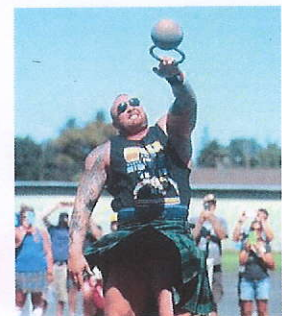
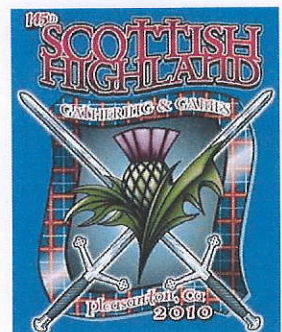
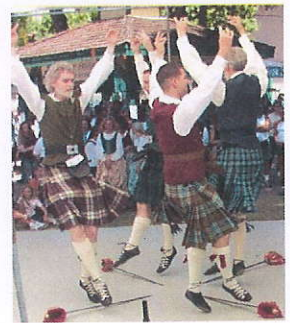
Pat wore her new Henderson green kilted tartan skirt outfit.
Jeff wore his first kilt – but then that only lasted for a bit.
Jay had on all black including knife and black Utilakilt.
Eamon had his battle axe and claymore with a basket hilt.
Costumes worn by D. and M. deserved congratulations,
And Kathi's group was all decked out – a full three generations.

Art Henderson told stories of Fordell and its grand castle:
a portion of it damaged during Cromwell's time in battle;
enslaved coal miners chained up in the cellar, hung, or whipped;
and Lords and Ladies bodies in the chapel basement crypt.

The photos from Art's trip were on his iPad for display –
Stained glass glowed bright in blue and red; crenellation muted gray.

Suzanne gave out her Shrinky-Dinks of Clan Henderson crests
To all who came to visit us – our Cousins and our guests.
The Clan crest shortbread cookies were then eaten by the dozen
(though so much sugared butter isn't loved by every cousin).

Young children sought our stamps to fill in spaces on their passport.
"Queen Mary" hosted tea with all the children and her High Court.
A guard taught all the boys to bow; girls curtsied in their skirts;
Queen's "favors" made of ribbon then were pinned upon their shirts.
Fresh shortbread and some apple juice were served instead of tea.
Then "Mary, Queen of Scots" knighted a warrior on bended knee.

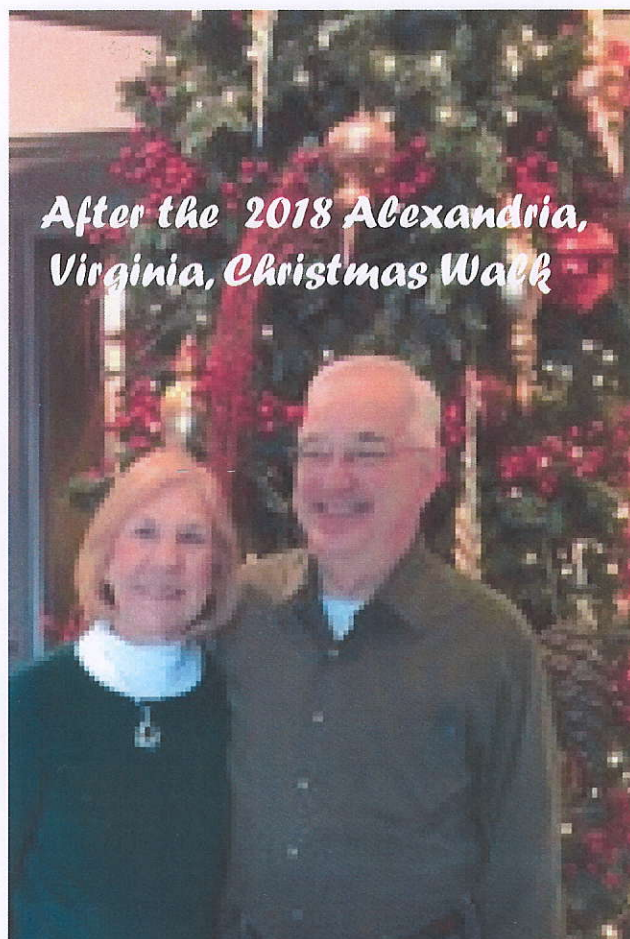


Congratulations, Dr. Richard C. Goodwin!



Dr. Rich Goodwin was just presented with the Chief's Medal by Leon Hicks at the 2018 Alexandria Christmas Walk in Alexandria, Virginia.

Pictured with him is Kari Henderson.
Thanks to Peggie Sanford.



*After the 2018 Alexandria,
Virginia, Christmas Walk*



Pictured above, top, Sherrie and Vince Henderson and below, Peggie and Fred Sanford.
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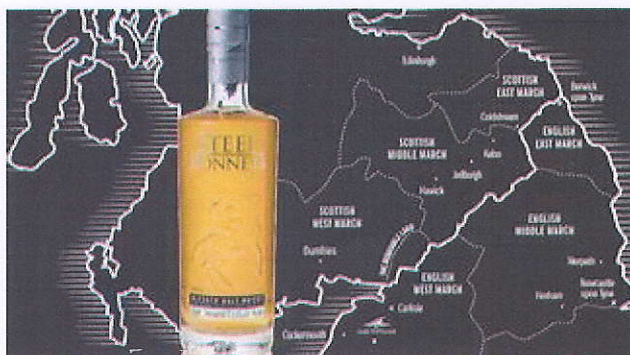


A new whisky for the Hendersons!

As a clan of the Border Reivers, the Henderson's traditional seat ran along the border between the Scottish West and Middle marches. In the 16th Century, the Hendersons, as allies to larger clans such as the Armstrongs, were specifically named by one of Queen's Elizabeths' wardens as particular troublemakers in Liddesdale. The explicit listing of the Hendersons declared them as enemies and effectively condemned them to a devastating raid in the Liddesdale valley.

For centuries, the Marches on either side of the Scottish-English boundary were areas of mixed allegiance, where families switched sides at whim - they were only loyal to kin, not kingdom. The fluid nature of the border region was fertile ground for the Border Reivers, bands of riders nicknamed the 'Steel Bonnets' for the helmets they wore.

As a nod to their history, region and people, The Lakes Distillery, situated just 30 miles from the English-Scottish border, has launched Steel Bonnets, the very first English and Scotch blended whisky.



This 'water of life' celebrates our now peaceful times, where past hostilities are forgotten in pursuit of the greatest things in life – a celebration of family, friends and humanity.

So, Clan Henderson – raise a dram to those blessed mixed allegiances that make families and friends what they are today. Visit www.lakesdistillery.com/steelbonnets for more information, to buy online or to take a tour of the distillery.



Our VP Members, Mark Henderson, found this...and it is a very interesting and informative article. As it is copyright, this is a great way for you to enjoy the article and we won't get in trouble! Just go site seeing at the URL below the Tartan Gallaecia graphic below.



<http://www.tartan.galician.org/kilts.htm>

Committee for Clan Henderson Society Corporate Sponsorship established

Leon Hicks, President

The Clan Henderson Society has established a Corporate Sponsorship Committee under the leadership of Louis Russell, to provide additional funds for our Scholarship program.

This is an important way for our clan to support students and promote Scottish heritage.

At the Aztec AGM, the CHS Board of Directors discussed the need to augment the Scholarship Fund which is currently being supported entirely by operational funds.

The Committee for Corporate Sponsorship that was officially approved at the AGM was recently formed to accomplish this goal. Objectives of the committee include developing materials to describe Clan Henderson Society and the Scholarship Program.

The committee will also identify and contact companies likely to support this effort.

This will be a difficult task, but when we are successful it will allow Clan Henderson to expand the number and dollar amount of scholarships we can award to qualified students.

We request that all members of Clan Henderson Society be thinking about companies that may be willing to help sponsor our scholarship program. No company or donation is too small. The committee will provide all information needed to include the tax

identification number for tax write-off purposes.

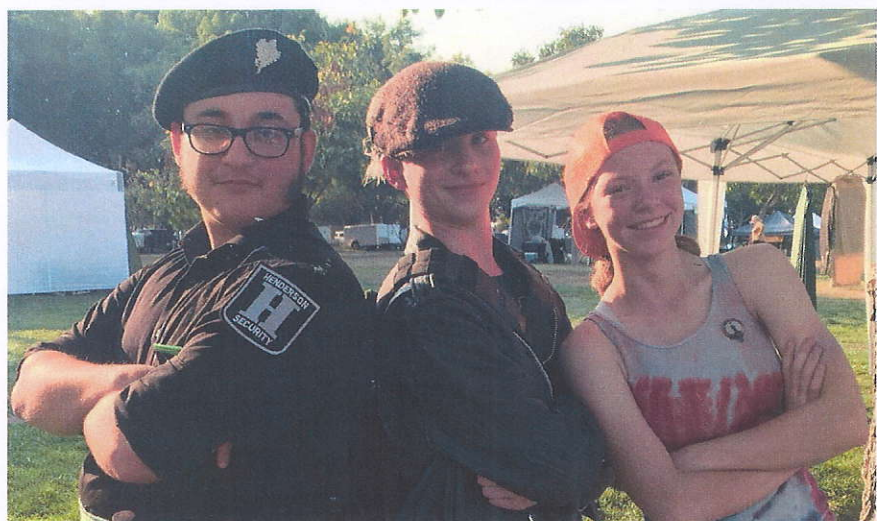
Please provide your thoughts about possible contributors to Louis. Stay tuned for more updates on this effort.

If you are interested and willing to participate on this committee, please provide your name and contact information to: Louis Russell, Director of Corporate Outreach,

<louis.russell@functionalproteins.com>

**Eamon, Asher,
and Jessica at the
2018
Pleasanton
Scottish
Highland
Games**

Photo credit:
Susanne Henderson Emerson





Henderson Cousins in Pleasanton: Jay, Eamon, Asher, Wally, Katherine, Karen, Shirley, Jordan, Pat, Art, Dennis, Mary, Kathi, Betty, Lily, Gabriel, Wesley, Jessica, and Suzanne.



“Mary, Queen of Scots” and her Court visit Betty and Lily at the CHS tent at the last Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games.

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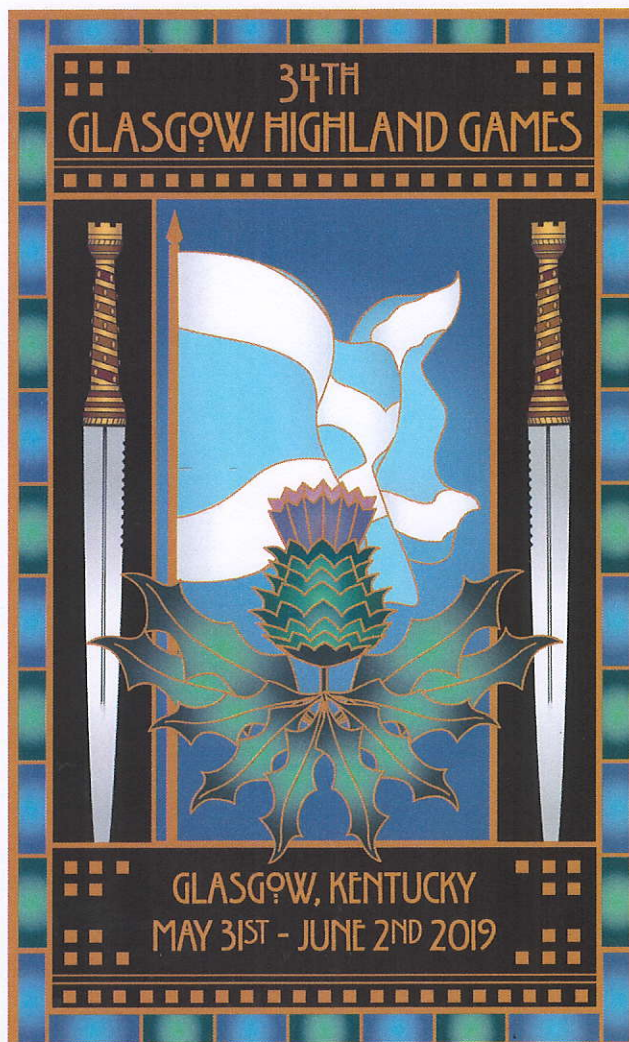
**CHS Scholarship Recipient,
Beret Dernbach,
does Clan Henderson
VERY proud!**



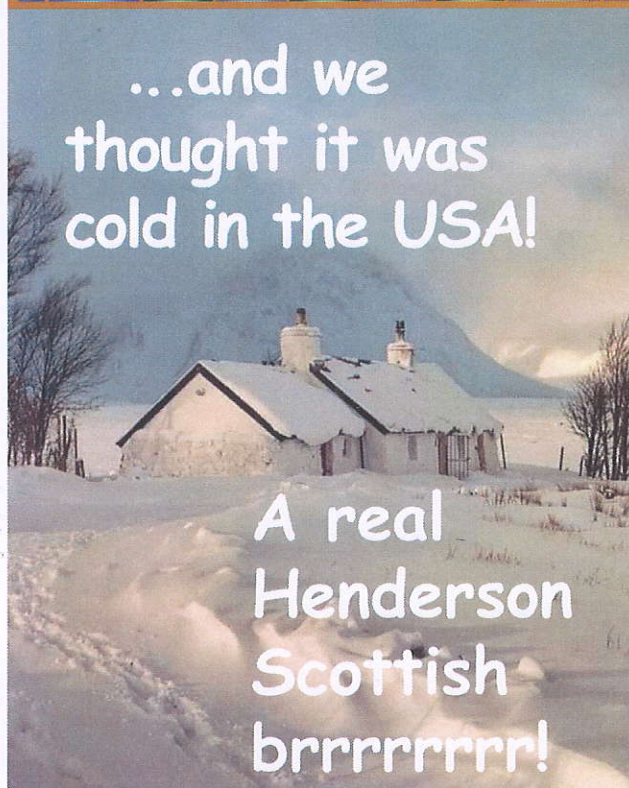
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Susanne Henderson Emerson*

Beret Dernbach, CHS Scholarship Recipient, is a 2-time U.S. Champion and 2018 Highland Dancing Juvenile World Champion.

The above photo was taken at the 2018 Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games when she visited the Clan Henderson tent to say, "Thank you," for her scholarship.



...and we
thought it was
cold in the USA!





Thank you to *Gastro Obscura*

Suitors in the United Kingdom and Scandinavia once professed their affections using a wooden spoon. This 17th century courtship ritual allowed young men to demonstrate their wood-working craft while offering their beloved a useful, household tool. Should she accept, the spoon became a token of engagement.

The tradition has largely disappeared. But in Wales, these intricately carved wooden utensils, called lovespoons, remain a sentimental gift between lovers. Each spoon tells a story, and every knot, carving, and symbol in the wood represents something: love, security, a new home, children, and so on. Some spoons are heirlooms that have been handed down through generations, where each successor adds unique carvings to the handle. Others create new spoons, writing a fresh story and highlighting their knife skills (or commissioning well-known lovespoon makers to tell the story for them).

Today, couples gift decorative lovespoons to each other on Valentine's Day, doing away with gendered traditions of the past and the association with betrothal. Still, the object itself symbolizes the mixing of two lives into one, so if an engagement ring isn't your sweetheart's style, consider an ancient lovespoon.

Lovespoons make a wonderful gift on any "loving" occasion.

Both The Lovespoon Workshop (www.thelovespoonworkshop.com) and Castle Welsh Crafts (www.yelp.com/biz/castle-welsh-crarts-cardiff) have online shops for ordering lovespoons.

Eric Erickson and his Chief's Medal!



CHS's Eric Erickson is just back from Saudi Arabia and China in his capacity as a petroleum engineer with Baker Hughes, a GE company.

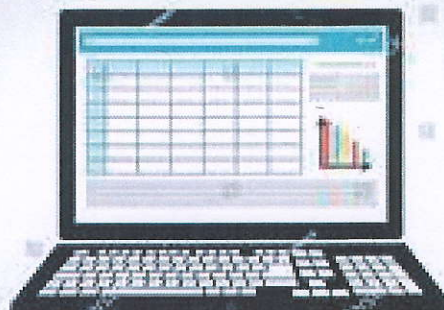
He was awarded his Chief's Medal in 2018.

He is a Henderson through his mother, Sharon Henderson Erickson.

He has just moved to Superior, Colorado.

**Wanna see and read
CHS's Meri Russel's
absolutely great
spreadsheet on
Scottish games?**

**Just email:
russell.charm@gmail.com**



Suzanne Henderson Emerson New Regional Commissioner for the South Pacific Region

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

It is my pleasure to announce that Suzanne Henderson Emerson has been appointed to the position of Regional Commissioner for the South Pacific Region (SPR). States in this region are California, Hawaii and Nevada.

Suzanne has been a member of our Society since 1995 and has been a staunch supporter of our activities in the SPR.

She was highly recommended by her predecessor Joe Henderson who decided not to continue in the role of Regional Commissioner, but he will continue to support CHS.

Suzanne has many skills and attributes that will enable her to perform very well in the role of Regional Commissioner. Her engaging personality and her interest in Celtic culture, Scottish heritage and Henderson history will be great attributes in help-

ing to expand Clan Henderson Society in the South Pacific Region.



I hope that all CHS members in her region will reach out to her and offer their assistance in helping her with her tasks. If you are a Convenor in the SPR, we request you provide her with your contact information and information about the event(s) you convene.

Suzanne was selected from a group of several highly qualified persons. CHS is very fortunate to have many excellent candidates to choose from. Her region includes all of California and Hawaii; a region this large requires as much assistance as possible. If you are aware of a Scottish heritage event where CHS does not have a presence, and you believe the event would/should

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Coo available for ceilidhs & parades!

The handsome Heeland Coo to the left is available for performances at any gathering. He works for peanuts (Well, and a bit of hay).

He does have a Henderson tartan outfit and will don it upon request.

The trick is to find him. His schedule is so busy, he is liable to be most anywhere.

You may email him, if you wish. With thanks to Simon and Garfunkel and Mrs. Robinson, his email is: <coocookachoo@heelandcoopiper.moo>

The email doesn't work, but the great coo does really exist!!

Joyce Henderson: New North Pacific Region Commissioner

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Joyce Henderson of East Helena, Montana, has accepted the position of Regional Commissioner of the North Pacific Region.

There were several excellent candidates considered for the position and, on behalf of the leadership team, we very much appreciate their interest in supporting Clan Henderson Society.

Joyce has been a member of Clan Henderson since 2014 and brings the IT, organizational and communication skills necessary to serve as an effective Regional Commissioner (RC).

The most important attribute of a good RC is the interest and ability to communicate with members of the region, keeping the membership apprised of activities within the region and also the benefits and opportunities offered by the society.

A key element of a successful RC is having a supportive spouse, and Joyce's husband, Bruce, will provide an excellent resource for her.

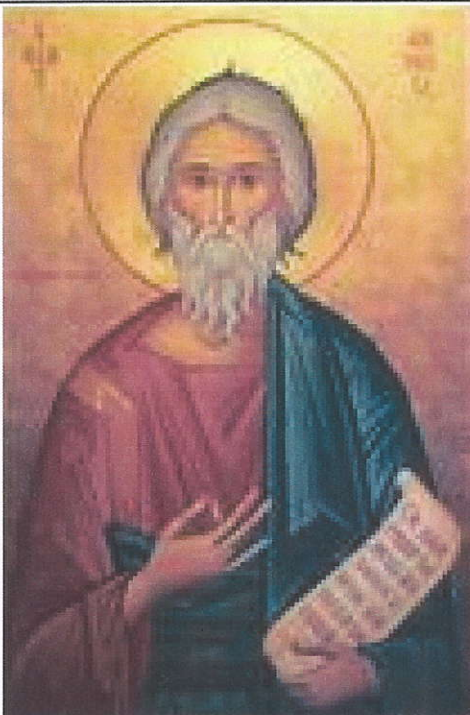
I encourage all members of the North Pacific to reach out to Joyce and welcome her in her new position.

If you, or anyone in your family, is interested in the Clan Henderson Scholarship program, they should submit their applications to Joyce for her endorsement. She will pass them along to the Vice President Members for consideration.

The North Pacific Region, consisting of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Alaska is a huge area. There are many Scottish and other Celtic events throughout the region.

Finding Convenors for these events is a diffi-

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St Andrew is not just the patron saint of Scotland

The patron saint was born in Bethsaida, Galilee, now Israel. While he was revered in Scotland from around 1,000 AD, he didn't become its official patron saint until the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320.

He is the patron saint of Greece, Russia, Italy's Amalfi and Barbados. As well as other countries, he's the patron saint of singers, spinsters, maidens, fishmongers, fishermen, women wanting to be mothers, gout and sore throats. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of the Order of the Thistle, one of the highest ranks of chivalry in the world, second only to the Order of the Garter.

Dwight Henderson: New Mid East Regional Commissioner

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

We are pleased to announce that Dwight Henderson has accepted the position of Regional Commissioner for the Mid East Region of Clan Henderson Society (CHS). Dwight will be replacing Steve Henderson who was elected to the position of Vice President of Operations at the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Aztec, New Mexico.

Dwight and his wife Traci have been members of Clan Henderson since 2016; they have been very active members supporting many activities in the region as well as the CHS tour of Scotland. Many of us were very fortunate to be able to witness their Hand Fasting Ceremony at the Henderson Chapel at Fordel Scotland in 2017.

Key among the attributes Dwight brings to the society are his abilities to communicate well, a willingness to reach out to members within his region as well as other members of the leadership group, his in-

formation technology skills that will enable him to leverage various technologies necessary to be an effective Regional Commissioner, and an overall high-level of enthusiasm for the goals and objectives of our society.

Please reach out to Dwight and welcome him to this position.

If you are a convenor in the Mid East Region, or would like to offer your support for convening an event, please contact Dwight. Volunteers to convene or serve in a bodyguard capacity are always

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The Saltire is the national flag of Scotland and, with a white diagonal cross on a blue background, it represents the crucifixion of the apostle St Andrew, Scotland's patron saint. Believed to be the oldest flag in Europe, the origin of the flag comes from an old legend. Tradition has it that the flag originated in a battle fought near the East Lothian village of Athelstaneford in 832 AD.

An army of Picts and Scots under King Angus invaded the Lothians, and found itself surrounded by a larger force of Saxons. Fearing the outcome, King Angus led prayers for deliverance and was rewarded by seeing a cloud formation of a white Saltire against the blue sky. The king vowed that if, with the saint's help, he gained victory, then Andrew would thereafter be known as the patron saint of Scotland. The Scots did win, and the Saltire eventually became the flag of Scotland.

*In the midst of great joy, do
not promise anyone anything.
In the midst of great anger,
do not answer anyone's letter.*

Anonymous Wise Person

Another Successful Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, Virginia



Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

It was another successful Henderson outing despite the weather. It is not uncommon for weather to be a factor at this event.

Having been the principal organizer for this event since 1998, we/I have seen it all.

This year we had a rainy day, but at least it wasn't very cold.

Even with the weather, huge crowds greeted us as we walked through the streets of Alexandria.

Clan Henderson, as always, was the best represented Clan in the parade.

This year we had thirty-three marchers, many of whom traveled great distances to be there.

Among these were Charm and Louis Russell who receive the prize for having traveled the furthest. Charm is the Commissioner for the Central Region and her husband, Louis, is the Director of Corporate Outreach; they traveled from Iowa to participate.

Other travelers came from North Carolina and include: Fred Sanford (Clan Chaplain) and Peggy Sanford (former Society Secretary); Dave and Kari Henderson (Dave is the Deputy Head of the Bodyguard); Ann Hicks (Director of Youth Activities) and Leon Hicks (President, CHS).

Ed Hendricks, Commissioner of the Southeast Region, traveled from Georgia and Steve Henderson, the new Vice President Operations, traveled from Pennsylvania.

Vince Henderson, CHS Vice President for Legal Affairs, and his wife, Shari, traveled from Arkansas.

Mark Henderson, Vice President Members, and his wife, Sandi, traveled from Waynesboro, Virginia, located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

We had a total of thirty-three

strong-hearted Hendersons who braved the elements to participate.

On behalf of the society I want to thank everyone who participated.

The Christmas Clan Henderson Celidgh was held afterwards at Primo's Restaurant in Alexandria.

There we were joined by the family of Russ Henderson. It was a great honor to have Judy and other members of the family there to share memories of Col. Russ Henderson who was such an important figure in sustaining our society.

Russ served in many capacities within CHS but perhaps his most lasting legacy is that of Edi-

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(L - R) Charm Russell, Leon Hicks, Steve Henderson (with the white gloves), Bill Scougal Henderson. Behind Leon, in the red checkered hat, Rich Henderson. Behind Steve and Bill is Kari Henderson, Dave Henderson's wife. Louis Russell photo credit.

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cult task. If you know of an event and would like to provide a Clan Henderson Society presence, please contact Joyce <chsnpacific@gmail.com>. We will provide as much support as possible.

I also want to express our appreciation to Bob Dunn, the previous RC of the North Pacific Region, for his support and contributions.

Suzanne Henderson Emerson,

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be an opportunity for CHS to participate, please contact Suzanne at <suzanne@emersonenvironmental.com>.

I'd like to conclude this article with an expression of great appreciation to Joe Henderson for all the years of great service to Clan Henderson Society. You have been a major contributor to our success. Thank you!

Dwight Henderson, *continued from page 18*

needed and welcomed. Dwight's email address is dwigtram3500@hotmail.com

Thank you Dwight for your willingness to accept this responsibility, it is very much appreciated by the entire society. The Mid East Region is one of the most active regions in our society. It affords many great opportunities to expand our society and its presence throughout the region. The Mid East Region consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Virginia.

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tor-in-Chief of the *An Canach*. He laid the foundation for the most excellent publication we enjoy today.

Even after retiring from the position of editor, he was forever working toward advancing our Society to a bigger and better future. His enthusiasm and commitment is, and always will be, an inspiration to us all. He is, and will be, greatly missed.

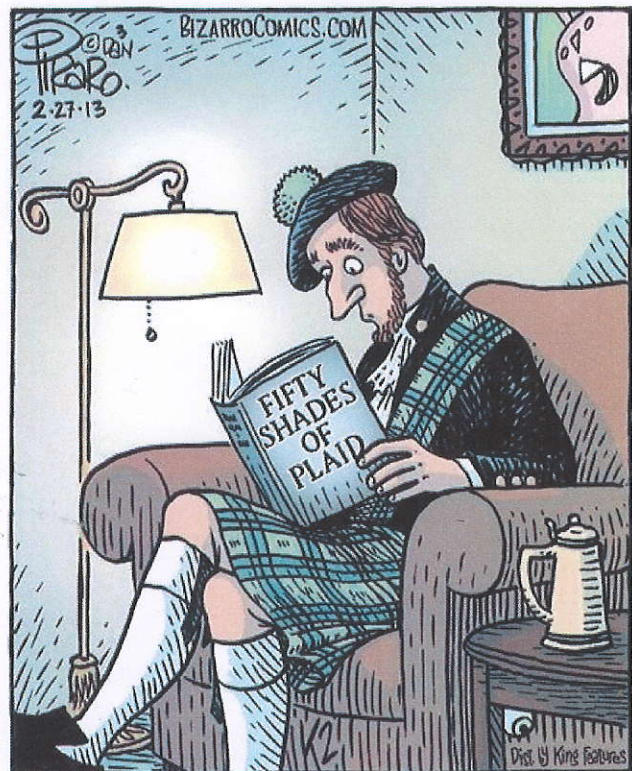
Clan Henderson will be hosting these events again next year – the first Saturday of December. Please mark your calendars and plan to join the family again next year.



There's more to this flag than perhaps you might think

Originally, this flag was "skull and crossbones," which came from the flag the Knights Templar flew when bringing a fallen compatriot home. The skull and crossbones were the only body parts it was possible to bring home for burial when the Templars were in the Holy Land or another very far-away place.

Later, after the suppression and torture of some of the Templars, the remaining Knights are known to have turned to piracy - and, then, flew the skull and crossbones from their own ships.





Beth Gay Freeman, photo credit.

The Apprentice Pillar, Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel, near Edinburgh, Scotland, has been much in the news in recent years with *The Da Vinci Code* and other books devoted to the mysteries and myths of this ancient and most hauntingly lovely place.

Everyone who goes visits The Apprentice Pillar, (above) which is "lace done in stone." It is breathtakingly beautiful.

I don't know, as none of us can know, what is real about Rosslyn Chapel and what is myth.

I do know that all of my own senses become heightened and I am filled with a feeling of awe and reverence when I am there. I can hardly breathe.

In the three or four times I have visited Rosslyn Chapel, I've never been there as long as I wished. I've never gotten over being frustrated - especially when there was scaffolding all over the building and I was able to walk all over the roof of Rosslyn,

amongst the thousands and thousands of carvings and sculptures on the roof and also in the building, each with its own meaning - and not being able to translate their meanings.

I've looked carefully at all of the one hundred Green Men, and understand those pretty well. Otherwise, I don't know the real meanings of anything.

Back then, when Rosslyn was built, nothing was done strictly for decoration. Everything had a meaning.

There are dozens, hundreds and maybe more books written about this truly magical place. It's simple to find them on <amazon.com> and equally easy to read them. All are fascinating.

Don't miss Rosslyn Chapel when you are in Scotland. You will remember it forever.

I do know for certain that there is real magic at Rosslyn Chapel for me. *Your editor.*

Welcome

New Members to the Clan Henderson Society!



** Cead Mile Failte in Irish Gaelic and Ceud Mile Failte in the Scottish Gaelic. Both are correct.*

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members in the CHS, reports that we have big reasons to cheer and clap this time! Lots of our Henderson cousins have joined us!

Internationally, Margaret Suttie, from Westmount, Quebec, Canada and Cecelia Horwood from Strathpine, Queensland, Australia have joined us all. Welcome.

From the CHS Central Region are:

Barbara Henderson Dicken from Cottage Grove and DeAnn Henderson from Plymouth, both in Minnesota.

From the Far South Region we find from Texas, Richard L. Nelson from Brenham; Jaime Green from Austin; Melody Borger from Azle; Tim Kasell from Granbury and Thomas Jerry Henderson of Plano. Glad to have you all!

The Far South Region has, both from Oklahoma, Ralph Hendrex from Catoosa and Ron Henderson from Bristow.

Arkansas is represented in the new members from the Far South Region by Rayan Henderson from Conway. Welcome.

The Great Lakes Region is represented by Ann

Hinrichs from Oxford, Ohio. We're so glad you joined!

From the Mid East Region, we welcome from Louisiana, Delois Henderson and Judith Wright, both of New Orleans.

We are delighted to have from Mississippi, Dr. Mark Henderson of Vancleave. Glad to have you, Sir!

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Dam, Kentucky, is a brand new member, too!

The North East Region welcomes Nicholas Cocks of Brooklyn, New York!

Myra D. Gormley of University Place, Washington, is welcomed into the North Pacific Region!

South Carolina is home to two new members of the South East Region of CHS. Both Michelle Brown of Aiken and Dwight Henderson of Williamston are part of us now!

North Carolina has two new members from the South East Region, too. Reginald D. Henderson of Oakboro and Sheila C. Guagliano of Fayetteville have joined CHS.

Florida, in the South East Region, has half a

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Congratulations

The Clan Henderson Society awards pins for 5 years, 15 years and 25 years of membership in the group. Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members announces those who have earned their pins this issue of *An Canach*: 25 year pins are awarded to Laurent Brakmeyn of Belgium; Donna Butler of Nova Scotia, Canada; Frances M. Glass of the Far South CHS Region and Austin, Texas; George Lee Henderson of the South Pacific Region and San Mateo, California.

15 year pins are awarded now to South East Members, Paula E. Helms of Marietta; and Larry James Henderson of Epworth, both of Georgia. Also from the South East Region, Lisa Utsey of Longwood, Florida; Congratulations to all!

Ron Walker of the North East Region and New York, New York, has also won his 15 year pin! James C. Henderson of the Mid East Region and Ashburn, Virginia, has a 15 year pin on the way to him!

5 year pins are awarded to Gary Calese of the Mid East Region and Alexandria, and Courtenay Hicks of Leesburg, Virginia.

Elizabeth Henderson Bennett of the North East Region and South Burlington, Vermont; Bluesette Copeland of the North Pacific Region and Bothell, Washington; Donna Ford of the Far South Region and Yukon, Oklahoma; Dianna Cain Grant of the South East Region and Ravenel, South Caro-

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dozen new folks! Jason Henderson of Crawfordville; Charles McEndree of Zephyrhills; Hillary Henderson Sporing of Longwood; Jeanie Oglesby of Kissimmee; Dr. Daniel Charles of Leesburg; and Nancy Henderson Vastine of Coral Springs are new Henderson cousins!

The South Pacific Region has nine new members, all from California! Welcome to Nicole Johnson of La Mesa; Brian Henderson of Los Angeles; Glen Henderson and Nancy Stimson of San Diego; Robert McKendry of Upland; Joshua Stiffler of Stockton; Jessica Stiffler of Riverbank; Gary Henderson of Arbuckle and Neil Greenwood of Escondido are sparkeldy new members!

The South West Region sports two new members from Colorado, Kenneth Williams of Pueblo and Nancy Callister of Windsor. Welcome.

Also from the South West Region is Robin Klevos of Phoenix, Arizona. Ceud Mile Failte!

lina; Jake Henderson of the Great Lakes Region and Columbiana, Ohio; Micheael W. Henderson of the South East Region and Indian Trail, North Carolina; Rock Henderson of the South West Region and Golden Valley, Arizona.

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Staci Simpson





David R. Henderson, FSA Scot, Deputy Head of Bodyguard

Once more, we joyfully welcome the fortunes and opportunities of a New Year. We also celebrate the successes of the past year.

At the October 2018 AGM held in Aztec, NM, there were several occasions affording great honor to participate.

Two new Regional Head of Bodyguard were formerly presented their Sash & Badge of Office. The Mid Central Region Head of BG Louis Russell of Iowa and North Pacific Region Head of BG Bruce Henderson of Montana have answered the Call to Duty.

What made this a momentous occasion is the fact there has never been a Head of BG in either Region. Secondly, CHS was represented on the athletics field in the Youth Division by Sean Jones, son of Convener Kris Jones. Sean achieved his personal best finish in several events and I had the honor of presenting him with an embroidered Clan Henderson shirt.

We look forward to Sean's continued development and success in Heavy Athletics and hopefully joining the ranks of the BG in a few years. Great job Sean, keep up the good work!

Skipping forward to the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia just weeks later, the BG turned out in numbers. It was my privilege to finally present Sash & Badge of Office to two BG members. Carl Dann, Jr. and Carl Dann, III, have been long time At-Large Georgia BG.

I am also proud to announce that one of the Honorary BG ranks has come out of retirement. Past Vice-President Harry Keifer has accepted the position of Georgia Head of BG. Along with BG member James Clay, Georgia is well represented with a dedicated corps of Bodyguard.

The new year also translates into a new season of Highland Games and Scottish Festivals where Scots diaspora, family, and friends celebrate and commemorate the vibrant culture and tradition of a people which have been a major influence on our world today.

Henderson's across the country and around the world gather at Games to connect with community, honor heritage, enjoy camaraderie, and, in Henderson tradi-

tion, show hospitality and Just Have FUN!

The Bodyguard plays an important role in CHS presence on the field. A primary duty of the BG is to assist and support those CHS members that have volunteered to convene the Clan tent.

The BG is a highly visible component of the Society. The BG strives to adhere to the highest level of demeanor and decorum providing positive representation of Clan and, most importantly, the Chief, Alistair of Fordell.

With any bodyguard organization, either civilian or military, public interaction is always at the forefront and may afford the most lasting impression to others.

At the recent Central Florida Highland Games in January, I recognized the influence of a master at personal interaction.

It mattered not whether someone was a CHS member, a guest, prospective member, clan tent visitor, or just passing public, the maestro executed his captivating craft with ease and style.

Often with hair trigger tongue-in-cheek comment, the net was cast, entangling the target in a manner where extrication came at cost of a smile or outright laughter. Those in attendance likely have already guessed the name ...Big Larry Henderson, Past President CHS. Age, gender, ethnicity, even clan

affiliation made no difference. All it took was eye contact and Larry could instantly apprise the level of input to meter out and bring a little humor into someone's day.

As part of CHS Bodyguard traveling to games and festivals this year, remember that your personal interaction on behalf of Clan Henderson can make an important impression on others and sway new membership in CHS or recruitment of new Bodyguard members.

Please take opportunity to recruit BG in your Region or State. There are vacancies in many States which provide opportunity for members, new or long standing, to serve the Clan and our Chief.

See you on the Field!

Custos Vitae, aye,

Brother Dave



Sean Jones

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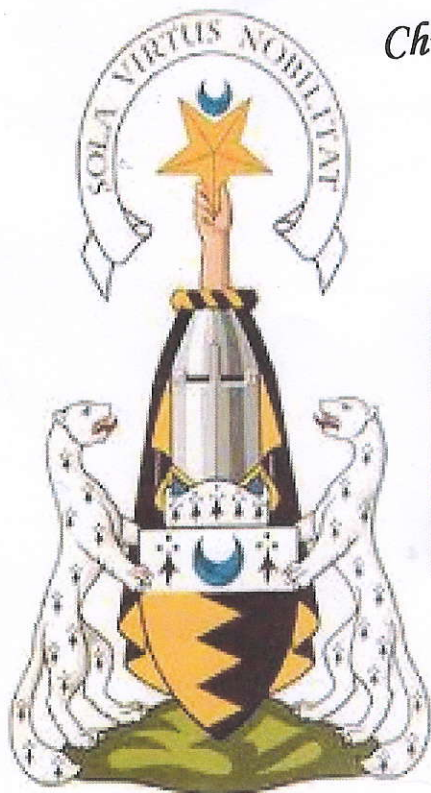
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"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."



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